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SUBJECT: NWC VISIT TO BOTSWANA: PRESS COVERAGE

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1. VISIT OF NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE STUDY GROUP TO BOTSWANA MAY 1 - 4 HAS RECEIVED VERY PROMINENT MEDIA COVERAGE. GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS CARRIED FRONT PAGE FACTUAL STORY MAY 6 ENTITLED "U.S. MILITARY VISIT". RADIO BOTSWANA BROADCASTED EXCELLENT INTERVIEW WITH NWC FACULTY MEMBER FSO JULIUS WALKER.

2. NWC DECISION TO COME TO BOTSWANA WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED AS EVIDENCED BY HIGH LEVEL GOB PARTICIPATION IN NWC RECEPTIONS AND EXCELLENT BRIEFINGS AS WELL AS BY PROMINENT MEDIA COVERAGE. NWC VISIT WAS CERTAINLY A PLUS FOR OUR ATTEMPTS TO STRENGTHEN U.S. - BOTSWANA RELATIONS AND TO IMPROVE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN BATSWANA AND AMERICANS. POSITION OF ARTICLE ON FRONT-PAGE OF BOTSWANA 'S ONLY NEWSPAPER IS A FITTING CONCLUSION TO NWC VISIT HERE.
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